

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Keller et al.
For : **GOLF BALL UTILIZING SILICONE MATERIALS**
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Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2518
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 6, after "present application" insert --is a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/048,578, filed March 26, 1998, which--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-18.

Please add new claims 19-43 as follows:

19. A method of producing a golf ball having a silicone material, said method comprising:

providing a core component that includes at least one silicone material, placing said core component in a mold adapted for forming at least one

5 of (i) golf balls and (ii) golf ball components; and